

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): An image recording medium ~~of~~ for storing image data in image files therein, wherein
reception information is attachable to the respective image files, for managing a state of printing order reception regarding the respective image files, and
the reception information attached to the image file or files for which a printing order has been received is rewritten in the image recording medium to indicate completion of printing order reception, by a printing order reception apparatus for receiving the printing order for the image data stored in the image file or files.
2. (original): The image recording medium according to Claim 1, wherein printing order information is attachable to the respective image files for placing a printing order.
3. (original): The image recording medium according to Claim 1, in which customer information regarding a customer who records the image data can be recorded.
4. (original): The image recording medium according to Claim 2, in which customer information regarding a customer who records the image data can be recorded.

5. (currently amended): A printing order reception apparatus comprising:

image data reading means for reading image files, attached with reception information for managing a state of printing order reception, from an image recording medium that stores image data in the image files; and

reception means for receiving a printing order for the image data of the image files that have been read, and rewriting the reception information of the image files on the image recording medium to indicate completion of printing order reception thereof.

6. (original): The printing order reception apparatus according to Claim 5, further comprising reception state confirmation means for displaying on a display device whether the respective image files have been previously subjected to printing order reception or not, for enabling confirmation thereof based on the reception information of the respective image files that have been read.

7. (original): The printing order reception apparatus according to Claim 6, wherein the image files are respectively attached with printing order information for placing a printing order.

8. (original): The printing order reception apparatus according to Claim 7, wherein the image recording medium has customer information on a customer who records the image data therein, and

the printing order reception apparatus further comprises customer information reading means for reading the customer information at the time of printing order reception of the image data in the image files that have been read.

9. (original): The printing order reception apparatus according to Claim 6, wherein the image recording medium has customer information on a customer who records the image data therein, and

the printing order reception apparatus further comprises customer information reading means for reading the customer information at the time of printing order reception of the image data in the image files that have been read.

10. (original): The printing order reception apparatus according to Claim 5, wherein the image files are respectively attached with printing order information for placing a printing order.

11. (original): The printing order reception apparatus according to Claim 10, wherein the image recording medium has customer information on a customer who records the image data therein, and

the printing order reception apparatus further comprises customer information reading means for reading the customer information at the time of printing order reception of the image data in the image files that have been read.

12. (original): The printing order reception apparatus according to Claim 5, wherein the image recording medium has customer information on a customer who records the image data therein, and

the printing order reception apparatus further comprises customer information reading means for reading the customer information at the time of printing order reception of the image data in the image files that have been read.

13. (new): The image recording medium of claim 1 wherein,
the image recording medium is a portable digital camera memory medium.

14. (new): The printing order reception apparatus of claim 5, wherein,
the image recording medium is a portable digital camera memory medium.

15. (new): The image recording medium of claim 1 wherein,
separate reception information is attached to the respective individual image file to which it pertains.

16. (new): The image recording medium of claim 5 wherein,
separate reception information is attached to the respective individual image file to which it pertains.

17. (new): The printing order reception apparatus of claim 5, wherein,
said image recording medium is externally inserted into the printing order reception
apparatus for the purpose of reading image data.